

### REMARKS

With this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19, 26-33 and 38-40 are cancelled, and claims 20-25 and 34-37 are presented for examination. Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

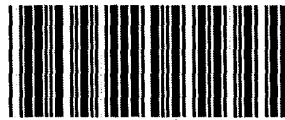
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